AMENDMENTS
In the Claims

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34.(**canceled**)

35.(**previously presented**) A composition for controlling or eliminating insect populations comprising an insect food and an insecticidal effective amount of a *Rhodobacter capsulatus* bacteria, where the insecticidal effective amount is sufficient to reduce or kill an insect population when the composition is ingested by insects in the insect population or taken to a nest for subsequent ingestion by insects in the insect population resulting in insect death after ingestion and where the insects are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, fire ants, carpenter ants, and termites.

36.(**previously presented**) The composition of claim 35, wherein the insecticidal effective amount comprises from about 5×10^9 to about 1×10^{13} bacteria per gram of the composition.

37.(**canceled**)

38.(**previously presented**) The composition of claim 35, wherein the bacteria are viable, non-viable, or mixtures thereof.

39.(**previously presented**) The composition of claim 35, wherein the insect food comprises a carbohydrate and insects are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches and fire ants.

40.(**previously presented**) The composition of claim 39, wherein the insect food comprises at least 60 wt.% carbohydrate.

41.(**previously presented**) The composition of claim 35, wherein the insect food comprises a cellulosic material and the insects are selected from the group consisting of carpenter ants and termites.

42.(**previously presented**) A insecticidal composition for controlling or eliminating insect populations comprising a treating amount of a bait including an insect food and an insecticidal

effective amount of a *Rhodobacter capsulatus* bacteria, where the treating amount of the bait is sufficient to treat an insect population and where the insecticidal effective amount of the *Rhodobacter capsulatus* bacteria is sufficient to reduce or kill an insect population, when the bait is ingested by insects in the insect population or taken to a nest for subsequent ingestion by insects in the insect populations resulting in insect death after ingestion and where the insects are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches, fire ants, carpenter ants, and termites.

43.**(canceled)**

44.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the bacteria are viable, non-viable, or mixtures thereof.

45.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the treating amount is about 5 grams of the composition per insect population to be treated

46.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the insecticidal effective amount is from about 5×10^9 to about 1×10^{13} bacteria per gram of the composition.

47.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the treating amount is about 5 grams of the composition per insect population to be treated and the insecticidal effective amount is from about 5×10^9 to about 1×10^{13} bacteria per gram of the composition.

48.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the insect food comprises a carbohydrate and insects are selected from the group consisting of cockroaches and fire ants.

49.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 48, wherein the insect food comprises at least 60 wt.% carbohydrate.

50.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 42, wherein the insect food comprises a cellulosic material and the insects are selected from the group consisting of carpenter ants and termites.

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59.**(canceled)**

60.**(previously presented)** A composition for controlling or eliminating fire ant populations comprising a fire ant food and an insecticidal effective amount of a *Rhodobacter capsulatus* bacteria, where the fire ant food comprises at least 60% carbohydrate and where the insecticidal effective amount is sufficient to reduce or kill a fire ant population when the composition is ingested by fire ants in the fire ant population or taken to a nest for subsequent ingestion by the fire ants in the fire ant population resulting in fire ant death after ingestion.

61.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the insecticidal effective amount comprises from about 5×10^9 to about 1×10^{13} bacteria per gram of the composition.

62.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the bacteria are viable, non-viable, or mixtures thereof.

63.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the composition comprises dry particles or granules.

64.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the composition comprises a fine powder.

65.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the carbohydrate comprises a

cereal bran.

66.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the carbohydrate comprises oat bran.

67.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the fire ant food further comprises dried milk.

68.**(previously presented)** The composition of claim 60, wherein the fire ant food further comprises a residue of a thioglycollate bacterial broth.